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## Historical Society Has Annual Election; Dr. Bronson, President

The annual meeting of the Northfield Historical society was held Tuesday evening in Dickinson hall in the library building with a good attendance. Miss Daisy Holton, the president presided and called for the reports of the officers. Mrs. L. H. Lazelle, the treasurer reported that the permanent fund now amounted to \$218.83 and the current fund \$62.36 with all bills paid. The membership committee reported that 23 members were enrolled and that any resident join the organization upon payment of the annual dues of fifty cents. The nominating committee consisting of Mrs. W. A. Barr, Charles C. Stearns and Fred S. Merrifield reported and the following officers were chosen: Clerk, Miss Priscilla Coffin; treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Lazelle; directors, Dr. George Bronson, Joseph R. Colton, Arthur P. Pitt, Miss Maud Hamilton and Daisy Holton; auditor, Fred S. Merrifield. After the close of the annual session, the directors met and named Dr. George A. Bronson president and Arthur P. Pitt, vice-president. Mr. Barr was called upon for a talk on historical matters.

## A Christmas Invitation

Isabel and Monroe Smith, directors of AYH, invite any person in the town of Northfield who is away from home or who will not be with a family gathering to enjoy the fellowship of Christmas dinner with the AYH staff at noon on Christmas day in the Northfield Youth Hostel. The invitation entails no expense, and since there will probably be a large group, volunteers will be appreciated for help in preparing the meal and doing the dishes. Seminary girls and Mount Hermon boys are included in this invitation, or anyone in the town as long as they notify AYH headquarters by December 20th.

## Issue Fine Calendar

The Northfield schools' publicity department has issued the Northfield calendar for 1940 and copies are on sale at the Bookstore, Carman's Student Store, the Northfield, and the Northfield Pharmacy. The Gateway board at Mount Hermon school and the Social Problems committee of the seminary church are selling the calendars on the two campuses.

This attractive and unusual calendar is printed on dull postcard and bound with plastic. Opposite each of the twelve date pages is a photograph of some familiar Northfield scene. The calendar will make a very fitting Christmas gift for friends of Northfield and will serve all next year as a constant reminder of our town.

## The Mothers' Society

The Mothers' Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Ethel Hopkins on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 3 p. m. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Russell Durgin, assisted by Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Marston. Subjects: "The Law of Choice," and "The Law of Self-defense." No one need remain away from these meetings on account of having missed the first two or three, as each one is helpful in itself, and also a summary of the previous chapters will be given before the subject for the day is presented. If any members would like transportation to the meetings, they may call Mrs. F. W. Dean and she will see that they are called for.

## Counties Will Help Support The Work Of Pioneer Valley Ass'n

John W. Haigis of Greenfield and other officers of the Pioneer Valley association met with the county commissioners of Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin counties in the Hampshire county courthouse, last Saturday and explained the results of the past year's work, and the organization's purpose and urged the adoption by the respective commissions of a legislative enactment which would allow the commissioners in each county to expend up to \$5000 annually to advertise the county provided the funds expended were matched by private money.

The bill passed in the Legislature early this year allows the expenditure of tax money only if approved by the county commissions and instructs that no more than \$5000 may be expended annually, and this only if it is matched by money solicited privately or donated. The money may be appropriated to the use of the association immediately if the commissioners vote to so appropriate it, and in the Hampshire county budget is an allotment of \$2500 already set aside for this purpose.

Besides Mr. Haigis there was present at the meeting, the association's legal adviser, John H. Finn; Miss Shoemaker, secretary; Charles N. DeRose, executive vice-president; A. Gordon Moody, vice-president, of Northfield; and Paul A. Walcott of Greenfield. Also the following commissioners: Charles A. Bisbee, Hiram H. Brownell and John J. Callahan, Jr., from Hampshire; Samuel U. Streeter, Carlos Allen and Allen C. Burnham from Franklin; and Alfred H. Hastings, Charles W. Bray and Edward J. Stapleton from Hampden.

It is expected that support will be forthcoming from all three counties.

## Hold Open House

Isabel and Monroe Smith, directors of AYH invite residents of Northfield and surrounding towns to an open house at AYH headquarters this month. The offices of AYH are always open to public inspection but during December, Miss Marianne Dunham, AYH hostess, will be glad to personally conduct all visitors through the offices and answer all questions. She will also take anyone interested through the youth hostel across the street and introduce them to the houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tate. The AYH is a rapidly expanding movement and it is the desire of the directors that the people of Northfield understand and be familiar with the hosting idea which is teaching American youngsters a simple, clean, healthy, outdoor life and leading them along the path of international friendship.

## Rose Window Finished

The large and beautiful rose window in the Mount Hermon Memorial chapel, which was damaged in the hurricane of a year ago, has been fully repaired and installed. The scaffolding has been removed and those who have viewed the completed window remark at its fine appearance. Constructed of very fine and rare glass, much difficulty was experienced in getting pieces to match, but the contractor, Mr. Konnick of Boston, was successful in his hunt, and he accomplished a very satisfactory job. With the window in place, all visitors to the chapel may enjoy the appreciation of this work of art.



As the Christmas season approaches, there is nothing that so promotes a most neighborly and welcome feeling in the community as an appropriately decorated and illuminated entrance to your home. It spreads the spirit of good cheer and happiness. We shall comment on the radiance of Northfield homes during the holiday season.

## Miss Mira B. Wilson On Leave Of Absence

Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of Northfield Seminary, has left Northfield for the next several weeks. It is expected that she will spend most of her time on the West Coast.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees it was voted to grant Miss Wilson a leave of absence covering the major part of the winter term. Miss Wilson has completed ten years as principal of the seminary and this leave of absence is in recognition of her service to the school.

The trustees have appointed Miss Jeannette Daboll and Miss Florence Lyon co-directors in the absence of Miss Wilson. Miss Daboll has been connected with the seminary since 1925 and Miss Lyon since 1930.

## Spelling Bee Tonight

There will be a public supper and a spelling bee tonight (Friday) in the Northfield town hall under the auspices of Northfield Grange. Supper will be served from 6 to 7:30 o'clock and it is expected that the Hermon Knights will play during the meal. The spelling bee will begin at 8, and admission will be free to those who take part. There will be a charge for the audience, and the proceeds will be given to the Senior class of the high school for their Washington trip fund.

Mrs. M. D. Birdsall of Mount Hermon, winner of the spelling bee held by the Grange two years ago, will pronounce the words. Arrangements for the contest are under the direction of Warren Brown, Mrs. Carroll Miller and Mrs. Russell Hale, while Mrs. Herman Fisher, Mrs. Clayton Miller, Mrs. Ernest Durant, Mrs. Albert Allen and Mrs. James Dresser compose the supper committee.

## Is Here On Furlough; Speaks At St. James'

Rev. Ernest H. Forster of Nanking, China, who is rector of St. Paul's church there, has been on furlough since last June in this country and will be the preacher at the service at St. James Episcopal church in Greenfield, Sunday morning, Dec. 17. The Rev. Mr. Forster is a brother of Mrs. H. C. Ruhl of the Ashuelot road of this town. He has been engaged in educational and evangelistic work in China since 1919 and since the world war, has been at Nanking with St. Paul's church as rector, and previously was located at the ancient and historic city of Yangchow of Marco Polo fame. He was in Nanking at the time of the sinking of the U. S. S. Panay and during the siege was engaged in relief work among refugees. Local townspeople are invited to the service at St. James church to hear him.

## Bequest To Schools

A state transfer tax department report filed in the Surrogate's office at Brooklyn, N. Y., last Friday revealed that the Northfield schools will receive from the estate of the late Samuel J. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., the amount of \$2,475. The amount represents half of the residual estate. The other half of the residue goes to the town of Dennis, Mass. Relatives and friends were given cash amounts. Mr. Robbins died Feb. 17, 1939.

## Brings Delegation Here To Visit Palmer Hall

A deputation from Middlebury college came to Northfield last Friday in company with Dr. Paul D. Moody, president of the college, to view and look over Palmer hall on the seminary campus, inasmuch as plans are being made to erect a similar building on the Middlebury campus. In the group, were former Vermont Governor John E. Weeks, serving as chairman for Middlebury's new building, J. J. Fritz, the business manager, Earl Krantz, superintendent of grounds at Middlebury, John Muller of New York, architect, and Prof. J. Bowker, chairman of the faculty advisory committee.

After the visit the delegation returned home but Dr. Moody remained overnight as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt.

## Hermion - Seminary Sunday Services

Carol services will be sung in each of the Northfield schools' chapels on Sunday evening, Dec. 10, under the direction of Melvin L. Gallagher. The Christmas vesper services will take place at Mount Hermon Memorial chapel at 5 o'clock and at Sage chapel at 7:45.

Speakers at the morning worship services will be the Rev. Frank E. Dunn at Mount Hermon at 10:30 and the Rev. Harold B. Ingalls at the seminary at 11.

## Colportage Association

One of the organizations founded by Dwight L. Moody is the Bible Institute Colportage association. It began its career about 45 years ago and was incorporated in November, 1894. Its purpose was to issue and distribute religious literature and it produced many pamphlets and books of Mr. Moody's sermons. It was a successful business venture and A. P. Pitt was its first superintendent. It is still continuing as a "going concern" and doing a world-wide business, publishing christian literature. William Norton, a Hermon graduate, is its present manager.

## Entertains Children

Tomorrow (Saturday) the recreation group of the seminary is conducting its third entertainment program for children up to ten years of age. Because of Christmas vacation it is the last entertainment until January 6. The program starts at 2:30 o'clock in the town hall and will include a special Christmas celebration.

Mothers desiring transportation for their children should call the Rev. Harold B. Ingalls at 292.

## Installation Tonight

Masonic hall on Parker avenue will be filled to overflowing tonight (Friday) by members and visiting Masonic brethren, to witness the installation of the newly elected officers of the lodge as well as those who have been appointed. The elective officers are: Worshipful master, Edgar J. Livingston; senior warden, Harold F. Bigelow; junior warden, Vernal G. Hurlbut; treasurer, R. M. Forsaith; secretary, C. C. Stearns; associate member, Masonic relief, R. G. Holton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence, R. I., again visited their summer home here to spend last week-end.

## Fortnightly Hears Current Plays Reviewed Meets Again Next Friday

The Fortnightly held its regular scheduled meeting last Friday afternoon in Alexander hall. There was a good attendance and Mrs. Goodspeed, president, presided.

William Ledgard, teacher of English at Mount Hermon school gave a most comprehensive review of current plays mentioning and reviewing in particular the following Broadway successes which have been produced in the last two or three years: Tobacco Road; Of Mice and Men; Dead End; Our Town; Family Portrait; The American Way; Philadelphia Story; No Time for Comedy; Hellzapoppin; and Shakespearean Afternoon. Richard the Second; Hamlet and the musical, Boys from Syracuse, which took for its theme Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors. He discussed experimentation in directing as well as stage settings and he described the qualities of such actors as John Gielgud, Maurice Evans, Katherine Cornell and Katherine Hepburn. Mr. Ledgard's lecture was not only a brilliant and thoughtful presentation of his subject, but highly entertaining as well.

Mrs. Lopez sang two delightful English ballads before the lecture. The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be its Christmas party Dec. 15 at 8 p. m. at Alexander Hall. The entertainment will be furnished by Dr. Raymond Kimball, the magician. Members can bring as many guests as they wish to this entertainment and there will be no charge for admission. The Friday Evening Social group are to be the special guests on this occasion.

The Fortnightly Choral group will sing Christmas carols and community singing of familiar Christmas carols will be led by Mrs. Williams.

On this occasion it is customary for the members of the Fortnightly to bring Christmas gifts marked "boy" or "girl" to be distributed to the needy by the Northfield Health Council. This notice is intended as a reminder to the members of the Fortnightly to carry on this tradition by bringing their gifts on that evening.

## Glazier - Tyler

The marriage is announced of Miss Rena Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Leslie Tyler of Main street to Clayton Howard Glazier of this town on Thursday, Nov. 30. Upon a return from a wedding trip the young couple will take up their residence here. Both are well known and have many friends.

## Cormie - Lombard

The marriage is announced of Miss Charlotte Lombard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Lombard of this town to James Cormie, son of Edward H. Cormie of Greenfield and also formerly of this town, which took place on Wednesday evening of last week, at the First Congregational parsonage in Greenfield. Rev. George K. Carter performed the single ring ceremony. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bullett of Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. Cormie will reside in Greenfield. Both attended the Northfield schools.

## Bistrek - Corbiere

Miss Gladys Ezilda Corbiere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Corbiere of Turners Falls and Stanley Thaddeus Bistrek, son of Mrs. Joseph Bistrek, and the late Edward Bistrek of this town, were married at St. Anne's church in Turners Falls on Thursday morning of last week, by the Rev. Fr. George Trottier. Mrs. Lewis F. Crossman of Turners Falls, the bride's sister was the matron of honor, and Mr. Crossman was best man.

The bride wore a wine-colored suit with navy accessories and red fox furs and bronze chrysanthemum corsage. The matron of honor wore a gray suit with navy blue accessories and a bronze chrysanthemum corsage.

Following the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip and upon their return will make their home in Northfield at No. 5 Main street.

The bride was born in Turners Falls and was graduated from Turners Falls High School in the class of 1930. The bridegroom was born in North Hadley. He is a graduate of Northfield High School and attended Cornell University. He is well known in county athletic circles and is employed at the Greenfield Tap & Die Corporation.

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## Start Garden Library; Local Garden Club Has Christmas Party

The local Garden Club has proved itself to be one big family, with a membership united in a common purpose, of developing garden culture in this town. Since its inception the membership has grown steadily, its flower shows have been marvels of display and its influence has been to encourage its members in the maintenance of home gardens. Almost at every regular meeting of the club, some able speaker of renown has spoken of gardens and their proper care and upkeep.

The meeting of the club held Monday evening in Alexander Hall was a Christmas party, each member bringing and receiving a gift. Afterward there was an exhibition of Christmas greens by Mrs. I. J. Lawrence and everyone was most interested in the various designs.

The club voted an appropriation of twenty dollars to the library committee, with which to purchase books on gardening, and these books will be placed in the Dickinson library, and circulated to members on a two weeks' loan.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Monday, Feb. 12 when the Alliance of the Unitarian church will serve a chicken pie supper in the vestry of the Unitarian church. During the social hour which followed in charge of Mr. Bodley, Miss Daisy Holton conducted a quiz on flowers and Mr. Lawrence led in the singing of Christmas carols. President L. P. Goodspeed presided.

## Many Christmas Checks Are Mailed By Banks

Many persons in Northfield received through the mail this week, checks from their banks where they carried on during the year with their Christmas club.

It is said that of those receiving checks, the average amount was \$50, which meant a saving of a dollar a week. The Greenfield Savings Bank announces the payment of \$55,500 to Christmas Club members, the First National Bank & Trust Co., of Greenfield, the sum of \$38,000. The Vermont Peoples National Bank of Brattleboro sent out checks amounting also to \$38,000 while the Winchester (N.H.) National bank sent out checks totaling \$8,000. Figures are not available from other banks but the entire total amount means a lot of spending money for this Christmastide.

## Appointed Cashier

Curtis A. Carman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rolfe Carman of Mount Hermon, has accepted the position of cashier at Northfield seminary and began working in Kenarden hall last Monday.

Mr. Carman is a graduate of Mount Hermon school in the class of 1934 and of Yale University in 1938. He was with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., in Hartford last year as an Actuarial Student.

## State Tax Figures Sums Charged Towns And Credits Given

Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation Henry F. Long, has released the exact amounts charged by the state to the 355 cities and towns in Massachusetts and the amounts credited to the same municipalities from amounts received by the state, the benefit of which is afforded the cities and towns.

Commissioner Long calls attention to the fact that the largest item of distribution was the income tax, which was \$15,950,067.68, the next largest was the distribution of the gasoline tax, which was \$9,600,000, and the corporation taxes which were \$7,649,189.35 making a total credited to the cities and towns for the 1939 fiscal year of \$33,789,373.78, as against a debit of \$18,484,575.06, which indicates that the state gave the cities and towns \$15,304,798.72 more than was taken away from them.

In the list of towns Northfield is charged with an assessment of \$6069.37 but is awarded from receipts the amount of \$12,669.34. Northfield will receive the sum of \$6599.97 as the difference. The following are the figures for the county towns:

	Charged	Credited
Ashfield	\$3,653.68	\$10,030.48
Barnardston	3,088.81	7,935.42
Buckland	7,852.82	12,546.26
Charlemont	2,940.47	7,229.67
Colrain	4,608.51	17,032.13
Conway	2,928.09	7,942.18
Deerfield	12,458.96	21,162.04
Erving	6,338.12	23,080.49
Gill	2,747.02	6,929.54
Greenfield	80,821.34	128,391.97
Hawley	735.56	4,939.17
Heath	1,098.78	5,417.29
Leverett	1,654.86	5,427.59
Leyden	915.57	3,428.70
Monroe	3,099.62	12,967.30
Montague	30,232.43	84,907.04
New Salem	1,281.58	5,773.93
Northfield	6,069.37	12,669.34
Orange	16,039.74	40,931.65
Rowe	2,008.73	4,744.66
Shelburne	8,745.42	15,142.12
Shutesbury	1,097.55	3,637.20
Sunderland	3,478.61	7,100.20
Warwick	1,103.84	6,777.44
Wendell	2,370.50	6,262.71
Whately	3,511.52	6,629.47
County Total	\$210,881.50	\$469,763.99

## Old Farmers Almanac Appears For 1940

The Old Farmers Almanac, in its 148th year and published every year since 1793, made its appearance this week for the year 1940. While there is a general sameness in its appearance, its facts conform to the new period of time with some additions of valuable information. It is an almanac probably identified with the people of New England who continue using it as an authentic reference volume on information. The almanac goes on sale at all bookstores and other places this week. Robert B. Thomas, the founder of the almanac, could he survey it, would agree that the issue for the present year, is a worthy successor of his initial efforts.

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## TOWN TOPICS

The local youth hostel committee of which A. P. Fitt is chairman will hold an important meeting this Friday evening.

The town committee which published the book, "A Puritan Outpost", written by Hon. H. C. Parsons, will meet next Monday afternoon at the town hall. The committee still has a large number of copies of the book on hand.

Gordon Buffum has taken the agency for the sale of Miller tires for automobiles in this town.

Miss Ethel Sweetser of Springfield and Miss Mary Spooner of Central America were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Makepeace and Miss Kiblin on Warwick avenue.

John T. Holden executive secretary of the Northfield schools was in New York on business this week.

There will be a baked bean supper served in the vestry of the Congregational church Friday, Dec. 15 at 6 o'clock to which the public are invited.

The Northfield Health Council will meet at the town hall Monday evening at 7:30. Miss Juliet Whitaker of the State Department of Public Health will talk to the group.

The Central Vermont railroad has petitioned for permission to abandon and close its station at Leverett. A hearing will be held on Jan. 8 at the Greenfield courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frisbee and family of Springfield spent Thanksgiving with her relatives here. Mrs. Frisbee is the former Gladys Slate of this town.

Leon Pratt was brought home from the hospital Wednesday afternoon. He is slowly recovering from his injuries sustained in the accident on Main street recently with which all are familiar.

The young people of Northfield of Northfield Farms held an all-day meeting at the library on Wednesday. They enjoyed a covered dish luncheon and a good idea and the young folks should be encouraged in their effort.

The Ladies' Benevolent society held an all-day meeting at the library on Wednesday. They enjoyed a covered dish luncheon and planned for the Christmas season.

Miss Fannie Lombard of Northfield is recovering in the Franklin county hospital where she had gone for an operation.

A number of our citizens attended the meeting of the Foreign Policy association of Franklin county, which was held in the auditorium of the Junior High School in Greenfield, Monday evening.

The subject presented by speakers was, "What Should America do to Help War Victims?" The Mount Hermon school Christmas vacation period begins on Dec. 14 and the Seminary vacation begins the next day. Both schools will re-open on Jan. 3.

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed will attend a luncheon meeting of the music teachers of this district at the Turners Falls High School on Saturday.

Miss Margaret Ross, who has been visiting friends in Woodstock, Vt., has gone to Lynn Haven, Fla. for the winter.

A supper will be given at the Unitarian church next Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock consisting of salads, etc.

Miss Ethel Lawrence has closed her home in Mountain Park and returned to New Jersey for the winter, which she will spend with her sister and niece in Madison.

She has sufficiently recovered with her fractured ankle as to be able to walk with it.

The steady rain of the first of the week has been appreciated and many springs have started, the wells filling, and the brooks flowing. Much of the ice which had already formed in past weeks has disappeared. The warm weather, however, may be followed soon by a cold spell.

A new line of poles for electric light and telephone service is to be erected along the new Wana-maker road for service to the homes along the highway.

The Northfield hotel received a generous patronage on Thanksgiving day and also an unusually large patronage the same day the week before.

Parents of young ladies who are or expect to attend Mount Holyoke college have received a notice that beginning with the academic year of 1940-41 there will be an increase in tuition of \$100. This means that the charges for room, board and tuition will be \$1100 for the school year.

It is said that a goat belonging to Peter Biagiotto of the Hinsdale road which had wandered on to the highway was struck and killed by an automobile of a Winchester (N. H.) man Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock.

Announcement has been received by friends, of the birth of a son, Lucas Boeve, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Boeve of Bronxville, N. Y., summer residents of this town on Nov. 28.

Mrs. Arthur S. Merrill of Birminghams has closed her home and will spend the winter in Chestnut Hill near Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White in Boston.

It was a family gathering and Miss June Wright returned here with them to spend the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos P. Field and daughter Alma left on Monday to again spend the winter in Florida at Orlando.

Mrs. Florence Stone of this town is spending the winter at the home of James Atherton in Winchester, N. H.

Miss Jean Giebel and Miss Carolyn McCulley of the Springfield city library spent Thanksgiving with Rev. and Mrs. William H. Giebel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton joined with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snell of Cambridge, N. Y. in a Thanksgiving observance at North Adams. The wives are sisters.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. David Tomkins of Winchester road are on a visit with their daughter and family at Westfield, N. J. this week.

Local music lovers are pleased to learn that the San Carlos Opera Company will appear in Springfield some time during January for three performances. They will produce Carmen, La Traviata and Madame Butterfly at the Court Square theatre.

The will of the late Mrs. Rose G. Kendrick of Highland avenue was filed in the probate court last Friday and divides the estate equally between her two daughters, Miss Muriel Sherburne Kendrick of Laconia, N. H., and Mrs. Marian Kendrick Daggett of Honolulu, Hawaii. Miss Muriel Kendrick is named as executrix.

Luckey O. Clapp and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Clapp in West-on.

Many friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Williams of Brookline will be glad to learn that their little son, born at the Newton hospital on Thursday, Oct. 12 has been named Paul Albion.

The second annual dance sponsored by the Northfield Girl Scout committee will be held in the town hall Wednesday, Dec. 27, from 9 to 1 to the music of Dick Minott's Silver Diamonds.

Twelve county students are enrolled among the 6600 in Syracuse university with two from Northfield—Ernest Bolton and Gladys C. Rikert. Both will return here for the Christmas season shortly after the 15th.

Miss Juliet A. Whitaker of the division of child hygiene of the State Health department will speak to the members of the local Health Council on a public health program next Monday evening at the nurse's room in the town hall.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church will take up a special offering for the American Bible society next Sunday.

At a meeting of the standing committee of the Congregational church held last week, a number of appointments were made on church committees. It was decided to make a church appeal in behalf of aged clergymen and to meet next Sunday to approve a list of persons for church membership.

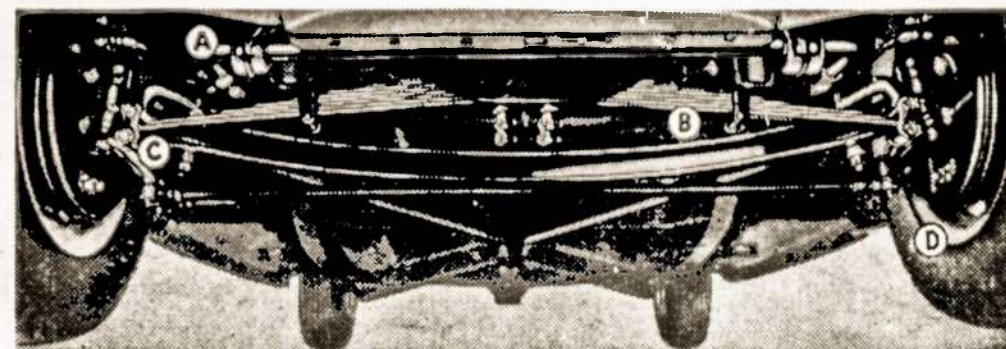
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### TOWN TOPICS

Neighbors' night will be ob-  
served at the regular meeting of  
Northfield Grange next Tuesday  
evening. Thrifty Grange of Lever-  
ett, Union Grange of Belcher-  
town and Evening Star Grange of  
Dummerston—Center, Vt., have  
been invited to attend and pro-  
vide a program.

Miss Florence M. Layton is  
spending the winter at Ocean  
Grove, N. J.

A cottage has been erected on  
his farm property on the Bernard-  
ston road by F. A. Davis.

Mrs. C. H. Webster is on a  
visit with her daughter in New  
York City this week.

Miss Rachel McDowell of New  
York is registered at the North-  
field hotel. She is the editor of the  
religious news department of the  
New York Times.

D. P. Mattoon, superintendent  
of schools at Middleboro, visited  
his mother, Mrs. A. H. Mattoon  
on Thanksgiving day.

New England will again supply  
many of the Christmas trees for  
the holiday season. They are mov-  
ing down from the north by train,  
and truck and each day a number  
of trucks, heavily laden are seen  
passing through Northfield headed  
for communities to the south. A  
limited amount of cutting is done  
in this vicinity in order to satisfy  
some personal requirements.

Mrs. Constantine George of  
Warwick Ave., is employed at the  
Youth Hostel and is producing  
some very fine Bulgarian needle-  
work on hostel costumes.

Jack Hanna has been spending  
the past two weeks at his home  
in Goshen, Ct., due to the critical  
illness of his mother. Word re-  
ceived from him Tuesday tells of  
her improved condition.

### Tenney Milk Case Goes To Supreme Court

At the closing session of Super-  
ior court in Greenfield on Wednes-  
day of last week, Judge Walter  
L. Collins, sustained a \$50 district  
court fine imposed upon the Ten-  
ney Farms, Inc., of Northfield for  
selling milk after revocation of its  
license. Atty. Charles Fairhurst,  
representing the defendant, im-  
mediately announced that the case  
would be appealed to the state  
supreme court to test the consti-  
tutionality of regulations made  
by the State Milk Control board.

The court's find was actually at  
the defendant firm's request,  
since Mr. Fairhurst had pointed  
out possibly that an acquittal  
would prevent the matter being  
tested in the supreme court.

The defendants contend that  
the board exceeded its authority  
when it regulated the butterfat  
content of milk sold at a price it  
had established.

The husband drew up his chair  
beside his wife's sewing machine.  
"Don't you think it's running too  
fast?" he said. "Look out! You'll  
sew that seam wrong! Mind that  
corner now! Steady! Slow down;  
mind your finger!"

"What's the matter with you,  
John?" said his wife, alarmed.  
"I've been running this machine  
for years!"

"Well, dear, I was only trying  
to help you, just as you help me  
drive the car."

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TO SEE  
SANTA  
IN PERSON  
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Santa accompanied by an  
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a Colored Story Book, "The  
Night Before Christmas."

Having a hard time Susan, thinking of what you  
want most? Your little-mother instincts may  
hope for a new doll. Your career inspirations may  
make an "office desk and chair" most desirable.  
Your sense of hospitality may angle for a table  
and chair set. We have them all, Susan. And ev-  
ery plaything in our world of toys is so wonder-  
ful that whatever you get you'll love. We know  
what little boys' Christmas wishes are made of  
too. Susan—so you and brother needn't work too  
hard writing that letter—just say "Dear Santa,  
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Write your letter to Santa and post it in  
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Fine Pin Dots, Fluffy Cushion  
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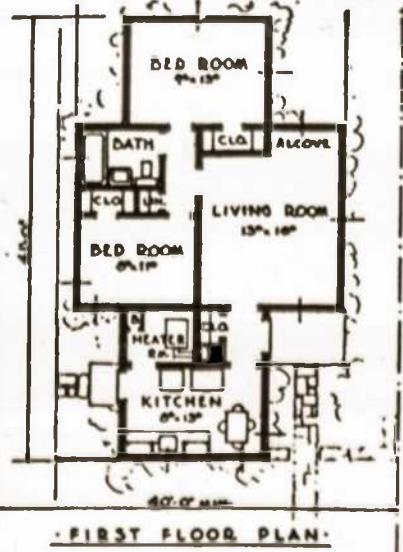


This small, small house is not  
intended for a very big family. But  
it's a good starting point for a  
young couple. As the family ar-  
rives, extra rooms can be added in  
the back of the house.

It will fit comfortably on a forty  
foot lot, leaving space alongside for  
a garage runway. In plan, it incor-  
porates several very modern ideas  
that make for more comfortable,  
less expensive living.

Look at its kitchen, for example.  
It is only a hair's breadth from  
both the front and service entries,  
meaning much less walking to an-  
swer the doorbells. And two corner  
windows—one in the kitchen and  
one in a bedroom—provide ample  
fresh air and double the view.

It has a heater room, which if a  
cellar is preferred, the space  
eliminates a costly basement, but  
now given over to a heater, the he-



used for stairs and a small laun-  
dry. Less expensive living is provided  
by full-thick insulated walls, which  
cut the fuel bill of this little house  
from 30 to 50 percent. All outside  
walls and the space between the  
ceiling joists are filled with 3 1/2 inch  
thick mineral wool. Screened vents  
under the eaves amply ventilate  
the attic.

The roof, low-pitched to make  
the house appear wider, is covered  
with fire-resistant, mineral-surfaced  
asphalt shingles.

Randolph Evans, who designed  
this house for the Monthly Small  
House Club of 227 East 45th Street,  
New York, has suggested the fol-  
lowing color scheme for it: Roof,  
blue-green asphalt shingles; walls,  
warm gray; windows, white; and  
front door, dark plum.



## Some Suggestions For Christmas Gifts

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**Van Camps' Evaporated Milk, 4 Cans 27c**  
Triton TUNA FISH ..... can 11c  
Hurff TOMATO JUICE ..... 46 oz can 15c  
**Washburn's Pancake Flour, 2 Pkgs, 13c**  
Vermont Maid PANCAKE SYRUP .. bottle 15c  
Puffed RICE or Puffed WHEAT .. 4 oz bag 4c  
Tempting TENDER PEAS ..... can 11c  
Muro SPAGHETTI, ELBOWS .. 3 lb bag 22c  
Phillips PORK & BEANS ..... 3 cans 25c  
Halves or Sliced  
**Jim Dandy Peaches, 2 No 2½ Cans 25c**  
High Sea Brand SHRIMP (for salads) can 10c  
Chef Boyardee SPAGHETTI ..... 3 cans 25c  
**B & M Baked Beans 2 Cans 25c**  
Pine Cone GREEN BEANS ..... can 7c  
Del Maiz Cream Style CORN .... 3 cans 25c  
Ralston CHECKER OATS ..... large box 15c  
**Beachnut Peanut Butter Large Jar 15c**

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## Thanksgiving Day At Mount Hermon

The Thanksgiving home-coming celebration that is traditional at Mount Hermon school was held last Thursday morning with a sports program, followed by a service in chapel, and culminated in a turkey dinner in West Hall. The annual basketball tilt between the seniors and the alumni took place in the afternoon, followed by the volleyball game between the faculty and seniors.

Prof. L. K. Hall of Springfield college, father of one of the students, was the speaker at the Thanksgiving Day service in Memorial chapel. A cross country race between the championship team of this year against a group of college alumni runners was held in the early morning.

Nearly 100 alumni from various colleges returned to the campus for the festivities. A number spoke briefly about their college life to the assembled students at the dinner. Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster, presided. All the residents of the Hill were invited to the turkey dinner, following a long-established custom, and most of them attended.

## With The Hostel Folk

Most AYH staff members and trainees spent the Thanksgiving holiday with friends or relatives. Miss Maryhope Chaney visited her father in New York. Miss Marianne Dunham and William Nelson spent the week end in Boston with Mr. Nelson's sister and husband. Miss Helen Detweiler was the guest of a friend in Providence. Peaselee Bong and Miss Margaret Dean were Thanksgiving day guests of the Dean family in South Lincoln. Miss Constance Warner was the guest of her sister in Northampton. David Elkin-ton spent the day in Amherst with relatives. Fritz Kaufhold was the guest of friends in Hartford. Miss Helen Conley was the guest of a friend in Greenfield. Robert Weir went to Greenfield to spend the day with his sister. Miss Marion Kumin spent the day with her family in Athol.

The Misses Berry Graham, Edna Grodman, Virginia Mahringer, Martha Hoagland and Faith Owers enjoyed their first New England Thanksgiving at headquarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tate were hosts to friends, two from Boston and one from Putney, Vt.

Miss Helen Conley, Miss Marianne Dunham and Miss Perry Graham were dinner guests of Miss Margo Brown at Mt. Holyoke college Monday evening preceding the Rochester symphony concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tate, their guest, Edward Scofield of Plymouth, N. H., Miss Constance Warner and Miss Virginia Mahringer drove to Northampton Tuesday night to attend a Smith college concert.

## Church Services

### TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10. At 11, public service of worship when the choir will sing special anthems; sermon subject, "Truth that makes men free." At 2:20, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by worship service. At 7, Christian Endeavor meeting. At 8, prophecy continued with the topic "Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel, and John look across the Ages."

Tuesday at 3, Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Giebel, leader. Wednesday at 3, Mothers' society meets with Mrs. Hopkins; program by Mrs. Durgin, assisted by Mesdames Livingston, Marston and Norton; general subjects, "The law of choice" and "The law of self-defense."

Thursday at 7:30, weekly prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The sermon will be designed especially for young people on the subject, "How are you taking life?" At 3 p. m. the first rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant.

The Alliance will be the guest of Mrs. J. M. Whitmore and Mrs. F. Warren Whitman in the church parlor Thursday, Dec. 14 at 2:30. The subject for the program is "Three Prominent Unitarian Ministers and their Contribution to the World."

The Women of the Unitarian church will serve a good supper Tuesday evening, Dec. 12 at 6. After the supper Warren Buffum of Winchester, N. H. who has spent much time in Mexico and South America, will show some of his beautiful possessions brought from these countries and tell their story. Mr. Buffum will appear in the costume of a modern gentleman from Argentine, South America.

All who wish to help in the Christmas pageant will be at the Unitarian church this Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This invitation is for persons from all the churches.

## Christmas Celebration

The Sunday school of the Congregational church will hold its Christmas celebration on Friday, Dec. 22. It has been arranged that a supper will be provided for the Juniors at 5:30 o'clock and this will be followed by a program of entertainment. Included in the observance, will be a Christmas tree and a visit with Santa Claus. Music will be featured under the direction of Mr. Lawrence and all will join in the singing of Christmas carols.

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HIS D. A. ELBOURNE  
DOUGLAS, WYOMING

IN LAPLAND TODAY, THE SWAIN  
WHO BRINGS A POT OF COFFEE  
TO A GIRL'S HOME AND ASKS A FAVOR  
TO BREW IT OVER HER FIRE — IS  
FORMALLY ASKING FOR HER HAND  
IN MARRIAGE!



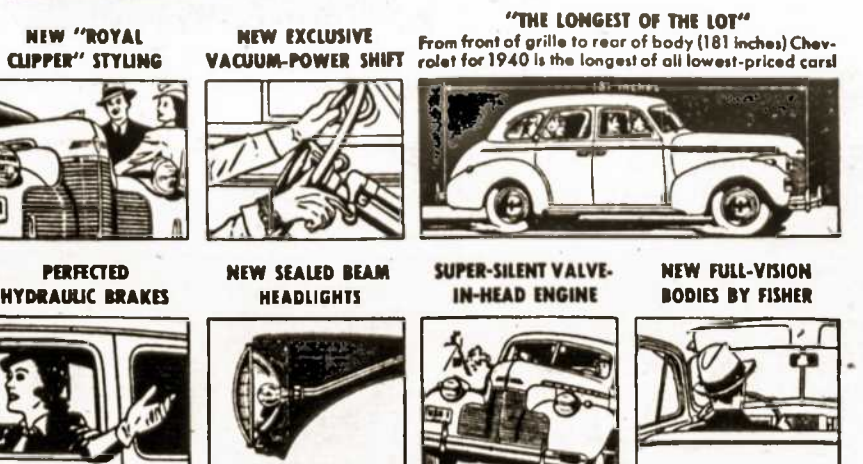
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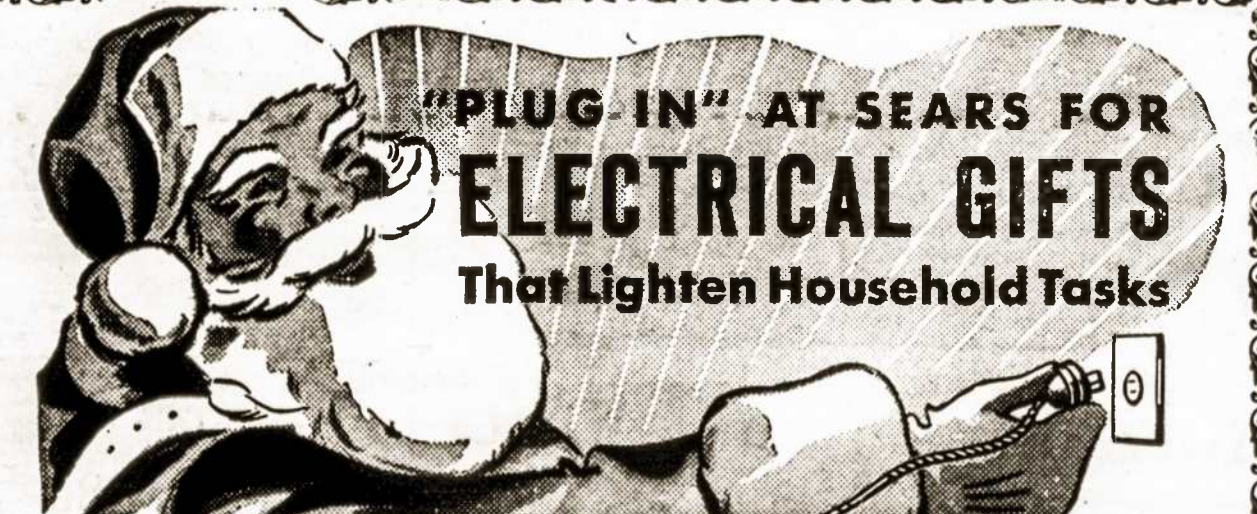


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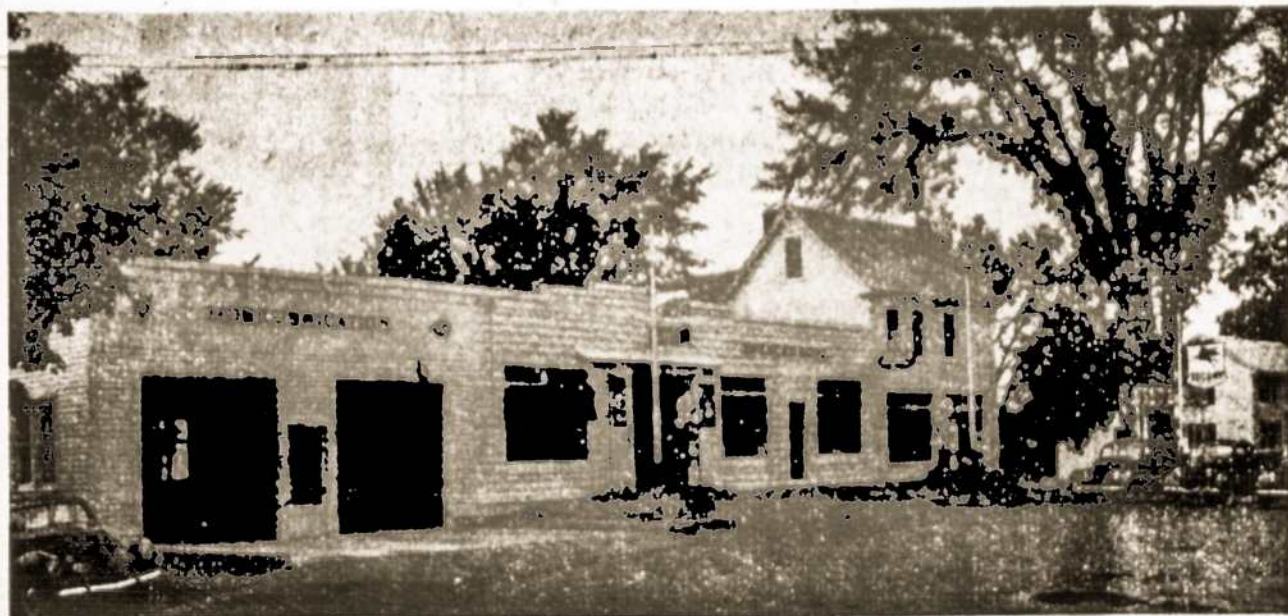
Main Street Greenfield, Massachusetts

Mrs.: When I go to the seashore I will dream of you every night.  
Mr.: Don't you think it would be much cheaper to stay at home and dream about the seashore?  
Landlord: Look here. I'll meet you half-way. I am ready to forget half of what you owe!  
Tenant: Right. I'll meet you. I'll forget the other half.  
Book Agent: Now here is a wonderful book entitled, How I Worked My Farm for a Profit.  
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### Hermion - Seminary Christmas Vespers by Combined Choirs

The annual Christmas vespers of Mount Hermion school and the Northfield Seminary will be given next Sunday by the combined choral groups of the schools under the direction of Mr. Gallagher. The service will be given at Mount Hermion at 8 o'clock and at the Seminary at 7:45.

The A Cappella choir of Hermion and the Estey choir from the Seminary together with the double octet, will present six anthems, included in these will be "Hail All Good Folk" arranged by Mr. Gallagher, "Lullaby on Christmas Eve" by Christiansen, "For Unto Us A Child is Born" by Handel, "Cornish Bells" and "Carmen", two bell songs, and "Angels Over the Fields" adapted from an old French song. In addition to these, the congregation will join the choirs in several traditional carols. The processional, to be sung by the choir, is "Sing We Noel" and the recessional will be the resounding "Adeste Fideles."

Following the service at Mount Hermion chapel, the glee club will sing Christmas carols from the tower. Many have enjoyed these beautiful services in the past years.

### Know Massachusetts Compiled by State Planning Board

Do you know that . . . The 1937 census showed 8619 manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts, employing 496,000 people. . . . Most of the plants have less than 50 persons each. . . . The first commercial bank in New England and the second in the United States was the Massachusetts bank, established in Boston in 1784. . . . The telephone was invented and first demonstrated in Boston about 63 years ago. . . . By 1878 the first Boston telephone directory had 67 subscribers. . . . Massachusetts does slightly more than half of all the manufacturing in New England. . . . Total fish catch landed in Massachusetts ports per year exceeds 500,000,000 pounds, valued at more than \$12,000,000. Ranked in order of largest total weight, the kinds of fish are haddock, cod, rosefish, pollock, hake, mackerel, cusk and halibut. . . . About one-half the residents of Massachusetts are church members. . . . The first Thanksgiving, Plymouth 1621, last three days. . . . The talking greeting card was invented by a Massachusetts concern. . . . The two swimming pools at Harvard contain 243,000 gallons of water, which is maintained at a standard of purity fully equal to the requirements for drinking water. . . . Important to zoning is the recent Massachusetts Supreme Court decision which upheld the zoning by-law of Lexington to prevent stripping of liam in a residential district.

Bill: You know, my wife's having a hard time learning to sing.  
Jim: Really? Which notes bother her the most?  
Bill: The ones she gets from the neighbors.

### Christmas Seal Artist



Rockwell Kent, world traveler, author and painter, artist of the 1939 Christmas Seal of the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated groups. Seals will be on sale throughout the country between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### LEGAL NOTICE

The  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
NORTHFIELD  
Office of the Collector of Taxes  
December 8, 1939

To the owners of the hereinafter described parcels of land situated in Northfield in the County of Franklin and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to all others concerned.

You are hereby notified that on Friday, the 22nd day of December, 1939, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., pursuant to the provision of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Northfield the following parcels of land for non-payment, after demand, of the taxes thereon, with interest and all necessary intervening charges, or any unpaid balance of said taxes, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

**List of Parcels to be Taken**  
Beryl G. Clark—A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon bounded on the north by the highway known as the Plain road and on the south by land now or formerly of Rose and Pearle Webster, containing one quarter acre, more or less. The same being recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 812, Page 319. Balance of 1937 tax, \$6.10; 1938 tax, \$11.20.

Dr. Milton Rees Estate—A certain parcel of land containing about one quarter acre known as lot No. 42 on Rustic Ridge. The same being recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 614, Page 357. 1937 tax, \$1.80; 1938 tax, \$1.60.

Lula H. Stockwell—A certain tract of land containing about 3 acres running easterly on land now or formerly of B. P. Burrows and westerly to land now or formerly of I. P. Holton. A certain tract containing about 12 acres bounded by land now or formerly of Ralph Hale Heirs, and land now or formerly of B. P. Burrows. The same being recorded at the Franklin County Probate Records 1892, Pages 243-249. 1937 tax, \$3.60; 1938 tax, \$3.20.

Frederick and Grace White—A certain parcel of land containing one quarter acre more or less with buildings thereon situated on the westerly side of State highway leading from Northfield to Millers Falls and bounded by land now or formerly of Chas. F. and Gracie F. Slate. The same being recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 813, Page 132. 1937 tax, \$18.90; 1938 tax, \$16.80.

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### Speaks At Hermion

"Religious tolerance in the United States is being lost by default," said Dr. Conrad Hoffmann, recently returned from Geneva, where he has been located for the past 20 years as an official of the Student Christian World Federation. He was addressing the student assembly at Mount Hermion school last Saturday noon on the general topic that young men today in America must be ready to answer the questions that have already been answered in Europe unfavorably.

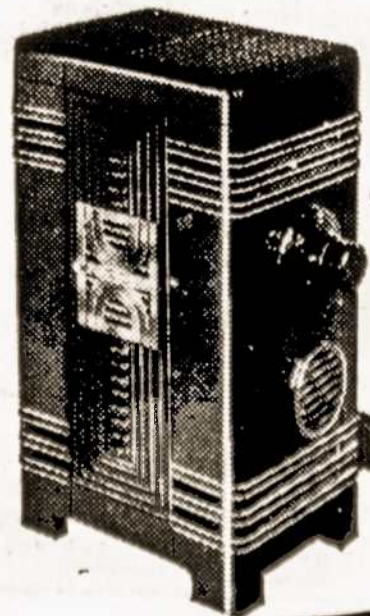
Such problems as war profits, the emergence of Hitler, the race question, capitalism versus Communism, slums, Negroes, the Jews must be solved better than they are now if this country is not to start its downward march. He spoke from vivid observation of the pitiful conditions in Europe, and urged his hearers to meet these great needs in the spirit of Christ, which is the only possible method of solution.

Dr. Hoffmann addressed the Franklin County Foreign Policy Association in Greenfield Monday night on the problem in which he is engaged in—the relief of the Jews.

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Mrs. Jennie Churchill of Shelburne Falls spent the week-end with her son Winston Churchill and family.

Eugene Brooks has returned to his work of carrying the mails after a brief illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lilly are entertaining her brother from Springfield during the hunting season.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smart spent the Thanksgiving week-end with relatives in Erving.

G. Leroy Gibson has gone to Petersburg, Va., to visit his daughter and spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Summers and daughter, Miriam, spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Winston Churchill and family.

The Mission society of the South Vernon church will hold a food sale and entertainment this Friday evening. Fancy work and aprons will also be on sale. The sale begins at six o'clock, the entertainment at 7:30. Ice cream will also be sold.

Mrs. A. A. Dunklee suffered injuries in a fall at her home last Saturday, but she is rapidly recovering and able to be about.

Mrs. Fred Adams is rapidly recovering from injuries inflicted in a fall several weeks ago.

Michael Ugielwicz is the new baggage master at the railroad station succeeding John Mack who retires on pension after 50 years with the railroad.

Mrs. C. I. Holton and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Holton spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mrs. Shallis in Hingham.

Miss Eleanor Kremen spent the holiday at her home in Framingham.

The South school P. T. A. held a successful mock radio entertainment on Tuesday evening under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Dunklee. Mrs. Warren Dunklee, Alma Dunklee and Alfred Dunklee shared the program with guitar, banjo, accordion, piano and vocal music. The amateur contest was won by John Becker who sang. Second prize went to Allie Skib for a violin selection, and third went to Mrs. Ruth Holton for an accordion solo. Many others took part in the program. It was voted to co-operate in supplying hot lunches for the pupils and Mrs. Ruth Holton, Mrs. Peter Skib and Mrs. Albert Johnson were named as the committee in charge.

Mrs. Arthur Martindale has gone to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Spencer in Bellows Falls.

The state motor vehicle department of Vermont has suspended for 30 days the driving license of Donald C. Smith of Vernon for operating an improperly registered motor vehicle.

Laurie Harris spent the holiday week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris.

Successful deer hunters from Vernon recently were Michael Butynski, Jay Johnson, Richard Harris, and Mrs. Alexander Lyon.

Mrs. Julia Ennis has arrived at Miami, Fla., where she will spend the winter.

Last week, John J. Mack, observed his 65th birthday and also ended 50 years with the railroad service. He is now a retired gentleman with a pension.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Farnum entertained her children at Thanksgiving. In the party were Miss Dorothy Wilder of Newfane, Mr.

and Mrs. Donald Smith and Lewis Wilder of Vernon. Miss Wilder remained over the week-end.

Pupils of the South School entertained their parents and friends with a Thanksgiving program last week Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Street entertained on Thanksgiving day her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Newton of Fitchburg and Francis MacGregor (Hermion '39) of West Warwick, R. I.

Mrs. Alfred Gove who had gone to Nova Scotia to attend the funeral of her mother in company with Miss Mabel Annis and who were detained in returning by immigration rules, have finally arrived at their home here.

Mrs. Levi Palmer and her infant daughter have returned home from the Brattleboro hospital.

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## EDITORIAL

Franksgiving was observed by proclamation on Nov. 23; Yanks-giving on the 30th. But on or between these dates most of us enjoyed a real Thanksgiving and were really grateful for the blessings of life, despite its trials and hardships, which have visited. According to the calendar Christmas will come on Monday, Dec. 25, although we haven't heard from Washington. It's fortunate that some dates can't be bartered for commercial reasons.

Those who used to forecast that it was broke out in Europe sentiment in this country would swiftly grow martial, were apparently mistaken. All the evidence indicates that the great bulk of our citizens are grimly determined that this time we shall stay out—and that, irrespective of our sympathies, Europe's quarrels are not ours.

Certainly there is reason in this point of view. For if the war goes on for years to a bitter and exhausted end, all that is best in Europe will be submerged, perhaps for generations. It is here, in the Western Hemisphere, that the fruits of civilization must be protected and nurtured and developed. We have many big jobs to do at home in these unpredictable times. And the biggest of those jobs is to see that the light of freedom, which has been extinguished in so much of the world, is kept burning here undimmed.

Most of us are quite alive to the events which are transpiring across the seas and successive events have preyed upon our nerves and strained our sympathies. There are no words in the English language which adequately describe our feelings and if we found them, they might be unprintable. It is only a mild statement to say that we condemn the brute force of Stalin and his Red Russia and the ravaging of little Finland, that honorable peace-loving community. May God grant that in some way the hand of the tyrant might be stayed. Someone once said that "Hell was what we made it," if so, surely Stalin is its modern master.

### Education in Tuberculosis

Christmas Seals enable tuberculosis associations throughout the country to carry on health education activities the year round. Professional people, farmers, skilled and unskilled workmen, parents, school and college students and teachers are some of the groups that are receiving information about the prevention and cure of tuberculosis.



## THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

by TOPPS



### Back Yard Gardener

I listened to a talk the other day on insects that simply set my mind in a whirl on the facts and figures. If I remember correctly, it was given by a man by the name of Eddy who is administrator for the office of entomology in the Rhode Island State department of agriculture. The facts were so blindingly interesting that I am going to take the liberty of passing them along to you.

He pointed out that originally nature had everything more or less in balance. In other words, one group or kingdom kept the others from multiplying too rapidly. Then he said when the world gradually became settled the whole set-up was changed, and insects seemed to thrive better on cultivated crops than they did on virgin vegetation. Furthermore, foreign insects came in on imported goods and of course in the new country there were no well established enemies so the immigrant insects became even greater threats than they were in their own native land. So you see the whole thing is a sort of mixed up mess.

He says that from geology there is every indication that eventually insects will inherit the earth. Geological evidence points to the fact that larger animals are gradually going the way of the dinosaur, leaving the smaller animals to survive in their stead. So what hope can there be for the future?

Insects already are supreme numerically. They estimate that there are over 6 million individual species with approximately three-quarters of a million already named. Under those circumstances you shouldn't be too hard on an entomologist when you ask him to identify a certain species and he can't do it.

But the thing that got my head to whirling was the rate at which insects multiply. Take a mosquito

for instance. Within a single year a pair of mosquitoes can have 160 trillion descendants provided none of them die of course. That's more descendants than there have been people on the earth since the beginning of history. One rain barrel can hatch over 18 thousand in a generation. Certainly a lot of sleepless nights wrapped up in that cargo. But don't be too harsh on the mosquitoes, said Mr. Eddy. Remember that it's only the females that bite. The males can only sing. And I muttered to myself, thank goodness for that.

A pair of flies, he said, in five months could have 5 quadrillion descendants. Or to give you even more figures, the cabbage aphid, if all of his manifold off-spring lived could have 560 quadrillion descendants in five months. Now just in case you don't know what 560 quadrillion looks like, just write 560 and place 15 ciphers after it. A single aphid tips the scale at about one milligram, yet the combined weight of this family, were it to live, would more than outbalance the population of China before the war.

And here's another one he told us about. A certain chalcid fly lays an egg which will hatch out not only quintuplets, but 163-lets. In other words, one egg has 163 yolks.

A generation in human terms is 18 years, whereas the average insect has eight generations in a year. Assuming that both have been on the earth same length of time, insects have had 144 times as many chances of building up a more persistent type of life as man. But in reality insects have been in existence at least 200 times as long as the human race, so insects have had 28,800 chances to man's one of producing a type of life which would survive on down through the ages.

Well, it looks as though this letter is getting longer than ordinary and I have covered only about one-half of his talk. However, don't worry whether insects are

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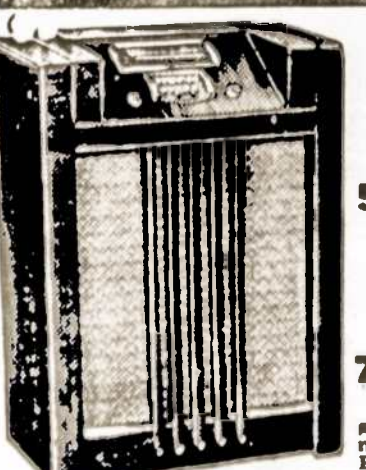
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